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January 17, 1977

Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear George,

As we discussed on Monday, the two lingering matters with your Committee concern the utilization of certain senior personal staff and supplemental funds for the Intelligence Community Staff. You asked me to send you on an "eyes only" basis my views. Here they are.

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Two other senior officers are the General Counsel and the Legislative Counsel, both of whom report to me directly and assist and advise me and all other echelons of the Intelligence Community Staff and CIA on all aspects of my duties, functions, responsibilities, and authorities. They provide general legal advice and support for my dealings with the Congress. They meet with me and my principal deputies and assistants on a regular basis to address problems of mutual concern, whether they involve the Agency or the Intelligence Community. It would be highly unworkable and inefficient, if not in fact impossible, for me to have to look to one legal staff and one legislative staff as to certain functions and duties and to another as to other areas. The Legislative Counsel has been working continuously

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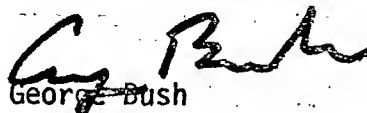
with the Senate Appropriations Committee on both Community and Agency matters and it would place all of us at a considerable disadvantage if he were not able to likewise represent me with your Committee. In a similar fashion, my General Counsel's legal advice and assistance must range across Agency and Community matters if it is to have the breadth, continuity, and consistency which are needed, particularly so because certain statutes and Executive Orders which confer authority on the Director of Central Intelligence do not limit that authority to either a Community or an Agency area. It would be my intention to continue to utilize these two staffs in this manner. As I have mentioned, this perhaps is the only practicable course and in any event would eliminate the need to establish dual staffing in the Intelligence Community and the Agency.

The second and final matter of concern is the need for expeditious action on the supplemental funds needed if the Intelligence Community Staff is to meet all the responsibilities currently envisioned for the remainder of FY 1977. The

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In conclusion, let me say how much I appreciate your support for a strong national foreign intelligence program; and how much I appreciate all you have done to make my job as DCI work smoothly. I value our friendship enormously.

Sincerely,


George Bush

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

was asked to write
I do want to thank you for your graciousness and the time devoted to our visit Monday morning. You have been a truly distinguished and courageous chairman for the Intelligence Community and the Central Intelligence Agency and we have benefited greatly from your wise counsel.

As we discussed on Monday, the two lingering matters with your Committee concern the utilization of certain senior personal staff and supplemental funds for the Intelligence Community Staff.

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We in the Intelligence Community are deeply indebted to you for your courageous and continuing support.

Sincerely,

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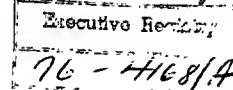
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17 JAN 1977

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Honorable John J. Sparkman, Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate the invitation extended in your letter of December 1, 1976 to meet with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on January 13, 1977 to discuss Soviet military forces and related matters. I have been informed that my staff has been in touch with the Committee staff and that an agreement has been reached whereby I will appear before your Committee in executive session on January 18 at 10 a.m. to brief the Committee on the subject of Soviet military forces.

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you, to Senator Case, and to the other members of the Foreign Relations Committee, and to the Committee staff, my sincere appreciation for the courtesy and guidance which you have extended to me and to the Agency during my tenure as Director of Central Intelligence. I trust that we will have occasion to meet again in the future. In the meantime, I wish you all the very best for the new year.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

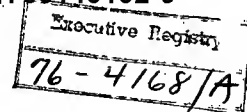
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Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate the invitation extended in your letter of December 1, 1976 to meet with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on January 13, 1977 to discuss Soviet military forces and related matters and I regret that I will be unable to accept.

As you are probably aware, we are in the process of updating our material in this area as well as preparing a new intelligence estimate related to this subject. In light of this, I would suggest that any intelligence briefing on strategic forces be deferred until sometime after 1 February 1977 when the updating process and the new estimate will have been completed.

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